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Applicant	: Hugh Sharkey et al.	Art Unit	: 3735
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Mail Stop Amendment

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF AUGUST 14, 2006

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: